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1. During the latter part of June 1954 a conference took place in the East German Ministry of Railroads, with Deputy Minister Richard Stalmer, Referent for Telecommunications Brand (fru), and Duch (fmu), Technical Superintendent of RBD Berlin, in attendance. At the start of the conference Stalmer emphasized the confidential nature of the talks and the participants were required to sign a secrecy oath.
2. The conference concerned preliminary steps to be taken to establish long-distance telephone and teletype lines between the Ministry of Railroads, East Berlin and corresponding authorities in Warsaw. Stalmer declared that the realization of EDC in the West was alone at hand and that it was high time to build up defensive strength against an attack by the capitalistic West. He stated further that an "International Department" was being formed in the Ministry of Railroads for which the telephone and teletype lines were needed.

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4. After the preliminary talks, Difficulties have been encountered in establishing the communications link from Frankfurt/Oder to Poznan and Warsaw. Repeater stations in Polish territory are greatly in need of repairs; much of the equipment is of German make. Spare parts, especially tubes, cannot be obtained in Poland.

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within the Mloc railroad systems, a communications net for military transports is to be established and that the "International Department" will have the same functions as the former BBV (Bueros der Bahnbevollmaechtigten) Reichsbahn offices. Also significant is the participation of Deputy Minister Stainer, who is responsible for military transport matters in East Germany. 25X1
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2. Comment: These are probably for tanks. The Poles talked quite freely about them. 25X1
3. Comment: The fact that the discussions on this project are apparently limited to railroad officials makes it unlikely that this move is connected with Orbit-wide military policy decisions, as implied by Source. Furthermore, with the recent withdrawal of East German locomotive brigades from Poland and the recent establishment of direct Berlin-Moscow rail connections, it was probably found necessary to undertake further coordination of railroad communications. 25X1



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2. The conference concerned preliminary telephone and teletype lines between [redacted] and corresponding authorities in Warsaw. EDC in the West was close at hand and [redacted] strength against an attack by the capitalistic West. "International Department" was being formed in the Ministry for [redacted] the telephone and teletype lines were needed.
3. Duch (fnu) was commissioned to travel to Poznan to discuss the proposed Berlin-Warsaw telecommunications link with Polish [redacted] Duch [redacted] to Poznan in July and conferred with Ewald Sloczinski [redacted] [redacted] for the Poznan area. During the Duch-Sloczinski [redacted] [redacted] proposed long-distance telephone and teletype lines between [redacted] and Warsaw to run via Berlin and between Vienna and Warsaw via Bratislava. Lines from Hungary are to be connected to the Vienna-Bratislava-Warsaw lines.
4. After the preliminary talks, Duch is reported to have gone to Poznan a second time. Difficulties have been encountered in establishing the communications link from Frankfurt/Oder to Poznan and Warsaw. Repeater stations in Polish territory are greatly in need of repairs; much of the equipment is of German make. Spare parts, especially tubes, cannot be obtained in Poland.
5. Duch is reported to have stated that, on his trip to Poznan, he noticed that on the main rail line many loading ramps and end ramps of 60 tons capacity were being built.
6. Duch is reportedly in Prague to participate in similar conferences.

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